have had no occasion to sit on the 10th day. Practically, we had a sitting of only 9 days for discussion. Now, I have known how the discussion is proceeding, and I will arrange the business in such a way next year that important Demands are placed in the fore-front, and a good part of the discussion is entered upon those important Demands. Now, we shall proceed with the first item of business—Questions and Answers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The dearth of drainage canals in the Cranganur Taluk.

242. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Is the Government aware of the fact that there is a dearth of drainage canals in the Cranganur Taluk?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. More canals for drainage purposes, the deepening of some and petty repairs to some others appear to be beneficial.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the Report of the Road Committee ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, Sir.

The Special Finance Committee.

243. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that led them to order that the Special Finance Committee should hold its sittings in camera ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government considered it expedient that the Committee should hold its sittings in camera.

244. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Is the Government aware that the sittings of such Committees in British India were generally held publicly?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— The Government have no definite information.

245. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state their reasons to stipulate that only Heads of Departments should be examined?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It appeared to the Government the right course to adopt.

246. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state why non-official evidence has been restricted?

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